

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TOKYO 06324 281122Z
ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 ACDA-07 IO-13 /087 W
-----281131Z 027007 /29

P R 280932Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7358
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY SEOUL
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
USLO PEKING
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TOKYO 6324

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, ECON, KN, US, JA
SUBJECT: YOMIURI INTERVIEW WITH KIM IL-SUNG

REF: TOKYO 1549

1. APRIL 28 YOMIURI GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO HIGHLIGHTS
OF APRIL 23 MEETING BETWEEN KIM IL-SUNG AND YOMIURI
REPORTERS. AS PARAPHRASED IN YOMIURI ACCOUNT, KIM
NOTED FAVORABLY PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROMISE TO WITHDRAW
TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA AND REMOVAL OF TRAVEL RESTRIC-
TIONS, BUT WAS QUICK TO ADD THERE WERE "DISCREPANCIES"
IN US POLICY -- THAT WITHDRAWAL WOULD TAKE FOUR TO
FIVE YEARS, WOULD NOT INCLUDE AIR FORCE, AND APPEARED
TO REQUIRE "CONSENT" OF BOTH ROK AND JAPAN. KIM
REPORTEDLY OBSERVED THAT LATTER POLICIES HAD BEEN
ANNOUNCED BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND OTHER OFFICIALS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TOKYO 06324 281122Z

AND NOT BY PRESIDENT HIMSELF; VIEWS OF THESE OFFICIALS
APPEARED TO BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM PRESIDENT'S
"TRUE INTENTIONS." NORTH KOREA, HE WENT ON, WOULD WAIT AND SEE.

2. ON JAPAN-NORTH KOREA RELATIONS, KIM SAID THAT
ESTABLISHMENT OF LIAISON OFFICES AND FISHERY AGREEMENT
DEPENDENT UPON GOJ'S ATTITUDE. BECAUSE OF CLOSE TIES

BETWEEN FUKUDA GOVERNMENT AND SOUTH KOREA, BEST THAT
COULD BE EXPECTED FOR PRESENT WOULD BE EXPANSION OF
TRAVEL AND CULTURAL INTERCHANGE. NO MAJOR ADVANCE
IN RELATIONS WOULD BE POSSIBLE UNTIL REUNIFICATION OF
PENINSULA OR IMPROVEMENT IN US-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS.

3. KIM STATED THAT NORTH KOREA WOULD LAUNCH SECOND
SEVEN YEAR PLAN NEXT YEAR AIMED AT DOUBLING MAJOR
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. DETAILS WERE STILL BEING DRAFTED,
BUT KIM OFFERED TARGET FIGURES 7-8 MILLION TONS OF
STEEL, 70-80 MILLION TONS OF COAL, 12-13 MILLION TONS
OF CEMENT, AND 60 BILLION KILOWATT HOURS OF ELECTRIC
POWER. NORTH KOREA WOULD CARRY OUT PROGRAM WITHOUT
FOREIGN CAPITAL.

4. COMMENT. THIS APPEARS TO BE KIM'S FIRST PUBLIC
COMMENT ON US LIFTING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. TENOR
OF HIS COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT'S KOREA POLICY AND STATE
OF JAPAN-NORTH KOREA RELATIONS IS SIMILAR TO THOSE
MADE TO EARLIER JAPANESE VISITORS, SUCH AS LDP DIET
MEMBER CHUJI KUNO IN LATE JANUARY (REFTEL).
SHOESMITH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONAL OPINION, FOREIGN RELATIONS, POLITICAL LEADERS, TROOP REDUCTIONS, PRESS CONFERENCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 28-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977TOKYO06324
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770148-0880
Format: TEL
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t1977047/aaaaafpc.tel
Line Count: 84
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 7bbd2fa7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 TOKYO 1549
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2843419
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: YOMIURI INTERVIEW WITH KIM IL-SUNG
TAGS: PFOR, ECON, MARR, SOPN, KN, US, JA, (KIM IL SUNG)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/7bbd2fa7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009